

# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Inc.

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## DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new and returning members: Gabby McKee, Thomas Hancock, Yvonne Treuen, David and Dorothy Woodside, Lorraine and Dean Ward, Wendy Parry, Kerry Klemens, Simon and Jayne Beverly.

Thank you to Spencer and Beryl Harvey and Lesley and Keith Worthington for opening their gardens for our monthly club visits in October and November.

**MEETING:** The Christmas get together and Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on December 2 at Miss Traill's Garden (321 Russell Street). The meeting will commence at 2pm. Please bring a chair and a plate of 'Christmas food' to share. All positions on the committee will become vacant at the AGM, so members are asked to please consider nominating other members, including themselves, to be an office-bearer of The Bathurst Gardeners' Club at the AGM. Please refer to the positions that were advised in the October/November 2018 Newsletter.

**JANUARY MEETING:** There will **not** be a Gardeners' Club meeting in January 2019. A newsletter will be sent in mid-January for information on the February-March 2019 garden meetings.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Membership fees will be due at the December meeting. These can be paid at meetings, sent to PO Box 1049, Bathurst 2795, or paid by direct deposit. The Club's bank details are: BSB 637 000 ACCOUNT NUMBER - 713853828 (Greater Building Society), please put your name as reference. The fees are \$15 per member or \$20 if joining as a new member (includes \$5 joining fee).

**BATHURST SPRING SPECTACULAR:** The weekend was a great success with almost 1000 visitors enjoying the gardens over the weekend October 27 and 28, 2018. The event raised almost \$19,000 which was distributed to the following organisations at a cheque presentation in Machattie Park on November 2, 2018:

- \$3,000 to Meadow Flat Rural Fire Service
- \$3,000 to Freemantle Rural Fire Service
- \$3,000 to Peel Rural Fire Service
- \$2,000 to Lifeline
- \$2,000 to Headspace
- \$2,000 to the Mitchell Conservatorium of Music
- \$2,000 to the Bathurst Community Transport Radiation Bus
- \$1,000 for Miss Traill's House
- \$1,000 to the 2BS Lion's Club Christmas Appeal

Heather Hanneman, the Bathurst Gardeners' Club Spring Spectacular Coordinator, would like to thank the following people and groups who had made the event so successful: Miss Traill's House and Garden and Volunteers for the use of their beautiful garden, for making available the marquee, tables and chairs, hosting the stalls, running the catering and all the other important activities that make the weekend a success. Additionally, for hosting the launch of the Spring Spectacular in the week prior to the event. Your efforts are appreciated.

Elizabeth Forbes who did an enormous job arranging all the music in each garden (except Miss Traill's House) and catering in some of the open gardens. She has even bigger plans for next year.  
Sarah Fairhurst did an amazing job arranging 96 garden sitters for 12 gardens - not an easy job!  
Dianna Baillie for doing an amazing job with publicity, including radio interviews and at least six or seven publications.  
Peter Varman took care of signage, banners, sponsor boards, and assisting with many other important jobs.  
Peter Hanneman found 26 generous sponsors and we thank each of them for their valuable contribution.  
Don Stafford did a sterling job organizing all the photos for all the publicity.  
Peter Harvey set up all the brochures, contacting tour companies, clubs etc.  
Ted Reedy organised all the tickets and assisted Peter Varman with various jobs.  
Plant stall attendants at Miss Traill's House - what an amazing job you did!  
Garden sitters, without you the smooth running of each day would not have occurred.  
Members who helped set up the marquee and helped with the launch at Miss Trail's House.  
Many other helpers, husbands, wives etc. who helped in some way.  
Members of the BGC SS Committee - the brains behind the event. Thanks to each and every member.  
Judy Bayliss and Terri Crumpler for collecting and counting the monies, counting and balancing the accounts. What a mammoth job!

May the next year be equally successful!! And we need your help to do this. If you have, or know anybody who has a wonderful garden, big or small, interesting or unusual that is suitable for showing in 2019 then let us know ASAP so the Spring Spectacular Committee can do a viewing now so pictures can be taken for promotional purposes and to let the garden owners have plenty of time to prepare their gardens. Call Sarah on 0422 811 324 or email [sfairhurst66@gmail.com](mailto:sfairhurst66@gmail.com) or speak to her at the Christmas garden club meeting.

**SENIORS VISITS:** A huge thank you to all the garden owners volunteering for a seniors visit this Spring! We had four visits by three centres in October and three already underway for November. Members gardens shared were Lesley Worthington, Don and Gwen Stafford, Anne and Norm Bromfield, Jann Sproule, Kathy Annis-Brown, Anne Llewellyn, Tim and Jenny Hector, Anne and Simon Coomans and Karen Granger.

**SEEDS:** It is time for all of us to start planning to save our seeds after our flowers/vegetables bloom this season, so we can share with others before the next growing season. Happy seed saving.

**EVENTS TO COME AND NOTIFICATIONS:** Peonies at Bowenfels: 700 Forty Bends Road South Bowenfels. Peonies are for sale at market price or individuals/groups can visit. Please call Sarah Childs in advance on 6352 3577 or 0434 838 932.

NSW Floral Art Association will be conducting a floral design competition and demonstration at the Mittagong RSL Club, February 1 and 2, 2019. The program includes displays of floral designs by highly qualified exhibitors and various floral art demonstrations including Ikebana. Program is all day Friday and till 12.30 Saturday. For further information call Ray Bradley on (02) 4861 4090 or [emailrbb1945@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emailrbb1945@bigpond.net.au)

